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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 4, 2001, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1-17. The election is without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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